

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3-4 and 6 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the following claims:

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9. (ONCE AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said grouping device causes a file name corresponding to each group to be recorded on the second loadable and removable recording medium.

Please add the following claims:

11. (NEW) The method according to claim 10, further comprising the step of grouping image files which have been recorded on the second loadable and removable recording medium according to the types of images represented by the image files.

12. (NEW) The method according to claim 11, further comprising the step of recording a file name corresponding to each group on the second loadable and removable recording medium.